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▶ Jean Dujardin giddily accepted the Best Actor award for his portrayal of a silent film star in "The Artist" at last night's Oscars. "I love your country," the Frenchman said.

Starving 'Artist' takes the cake at the Oscars

Little-seen indie film 'The Artist' grabs biggest awards at last night's ceremony Billy Crystal's tepid hosting skills don't get better with age {page 11}

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Kennedy kin charged

Douglas Kennedy charged with child endangerment, harassment Nurses say he kicked, injured them Kennedy claims he was just trying to take child out for a walk and fresh air

Robert F. Kennedy's son's tussle with two hospital nurses has lead to misdemeanor charges against him.

Douglas Kennedy, 44, was charged with endangering the welfare of a child and two counts of harassment following a Jan. 7 incident at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, N.Y., his lawyer, Robert Gottlieb, said.

Kennedy is a Fox News reporter and the 10th child of the late Robert F. Kennedy and Ethel Kennedy.

The clash occurred when two nurses at the suburban New York hospital physically tried to stop Kennedy from taking his newborn son, Bo, out of the maternity ward.

As Kennedy was leaning against a door to back out of the maternity ward, a nurse came toward him, Gottlieb said. An argument broke out and Kennedy allegedly turned violent, twisting the arm of one nurse and kicking another in the pelvic area, according to WNBC-TV, which first reported the incident.

NBC 4 NEW YORK VIDEO

▶ Surveillance video shows Douglas Kennedy and his newborn in the elevator of the maternity ward.

Both nurses filed police reports that night and Kennedy was arrested on Thursday of last week.

Kennedy and his wife, Molly, said in a statement the allegations were "absurd."

"It is sickening to think that our simple desire to take our son outside for fresh air has been warped into a charge of child endangerment," the couple said.

Dr. Timothy Haydock, an emergency room physician at Northern Westchester Hospital and a close family friend, issued a statement through Gottlieb's office.

"I witnessed the incident and I can state unequivocally that the nurses were the only aggressors," Haydock said.

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In the news

Fastrack comes to B, D, F, M

Fastrack, the MTA pilot repair program that shuts down large stretches of subway for intensive repairs, is moving to the Sixth Avenue line today. Starting at 10 tonight, service on the B, D, F and M lines will be suspended overnight between 57th Street and West Fourth Street. The line will be out of service between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. until Friday morning. Fastrack has previously been tested on the Lexington and Seventh Avenue lines.

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In the news

No 'spying' investigation

New York Attorney General Eric Scheiderman has rejected requests from civil liberties groups to investigate the NYPD's counterterrorism efforts. "While we share some of the serious concerns raised ... there are significant legal and investigative obstacles," Schneiderman's spokesperson told the AP on Friday.

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Quoted

▶ **"It is preposterous and absurd to think that any of the nurses thought that Douglas Kennedy, who they knew very well, was trying to steal his own child,"** Kennedy's attorney, Robert Gottlieb said.

▶ **"I don't think that anybody, even a Kennedy, should go around kicking hospital personnel and believe there are no ramifications,"** Steve Luciano, husband of Cari Luciano, one of the nurses, said to the Daily News.

Mixed signals

Kennedy's attorney, Robert Gottlieb, claims Kennedy had already received permission from other nurses to take his newborn son for a walk.

"Douglas did not do anything wrong. All he wanted to do was to take his newborn son out for fresh air," Gottlieb said.

However, the attorney for the two maternity nurses claims the hospital was in a "code pink" — the hospital alert for a newborn abduction — when Kennedy tried to take his bundled-up newborn off the floor for a walk, according to the New York Post.

"They have been instructed as per hospital guidelines that each newborn cannot leave the ward without written permission by medical personnel," said Eliot Taub, lawyer for nurses Anna Lane and Cari Luciano.

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East Village inspiration for musical up for grabs

EAST VILLAGE. The Life Cafe, immortalized in the Broadway musical "Rent," is officially up for rent.

The 10th Street and Avenue B eatery was shuttered in September of last year, but New York Realty Exchange debuted the listing on Wednesday of last week.

Jonathan Larson, the playwright of "Rent," wrote much of his award-winning production at the restaurant and even set some of the play inside the Alphabet City staple.

"Rentheads" were known to make pilgrimages to the

origin of the Tony- and Pulitzer Prize-winning play since its debut in 1996.

The second Life Cafe, located in Bushwick, is still open.

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1 hurt, 1 dead on the tracks

NEW YORK. Police say Michael Ice, 22, of Rye, N.Y., was hit and killed by a 6 train as he was walking on the tracks of the Spring Street station in Soho around 6 a.m. on Saturday. In a separate incident, a 62-year old man was shoved onto the tracks in Times Square on Saturday morning. Police say Andrew Lessey, 29, pushed Louis Corchado, 62. He was able to climb back onto the platform.

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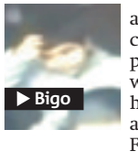
Teenager arrested in shooting of 8-year-old

BRONX. On Friday, police arrested the teen they believe shot an 8-year-old in the Soundview neighborhood of the Bronx last week.

Police said Eduardo Rodriguez, 15, fired a shot into the Papa Yala Deli on Randall Avenue on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from his bicycle. Armando Bigo, 8, and his mother were inside buying potato chips and Bigo was shot in the shoulder. He was taken to Jacobi Hospital in stable condition.

Rodriguez was charged with attempted murder,



▶ Bigo

assault and criminal possession of a weapon after he was arrested Friday and arraigned Saturday. The 15-year-old was reportedly trying to retaliate against a rival gang, but shot Bigo instead, according to the Daily News.

Bigo is expected to make a full recovery and may be able to come home as early as today, according to the paper.

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Remembering '93 WTC attack

FINANCIAL DISTRICT. The city marked the 19th anniversary of the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center yesterday. A bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in an abandoned van in the parking garage below the Twin Towers on Feb. 26, 1993, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others. The six casualties were John DiGiovanni, Robert Kirkpatrick, Stephen A. Knapp, William Macko, Wilfredo Mercado and Monica Rodriguez Smith, who was pregnant. In memory of the event, the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum observed a moment of silence on Sunday at 12:18 p.m, inviting the family members of the victims to visit the memorial.

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1 WTC goes red for Dolan after ESB rejection

'Freedom Tower' honors Cardinal Timothy Dolan's recent promotion

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After the Empire State Building rejected a request to light up in honor of Cardinal Timothy Dolan's recent promotion, One World Trade Center has taken up the cause.

After being made a Cardinal, Dolan said of his red biretta: "This hat is really for New York. I want to put it on the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge." U.S. Rep. Michael G. Grimm, who represents portions of Brooklyn and Staten Island, asked the Empire State Building to light up in "cardinal red" last Thursday in honor of Dolan's elevation from archbishop of New York to Cardinal, but it refused. They also would not honor Mother Teresa's 100th birthday in 2010.

"It's an insult to Catholics and to the vast majority of New Yorkers who love Cardinal Dolan," Bill Donohue, head of the Catholic League, said in a press release.

Grimm refused to accept no as an answer. "Giving up is not in my DNA," said Grimm in a statement. "Where there is a will there is a way, and One WTC is even more appropriate as a symbol of hope, courage and the bright future of New York — all of which Cardinal Dolan exemplifies."

"This hat is really for New York. I want to put it on the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge." DOLAN

Executive Director Patrick Foye agreed to illuminate One World Trade Center in "cardinal red" in honor of Dolan every night between Friday, Feb. 24, and Friday, March 2.

Yesterday, Dolan led his first Sunday Mass since the promotion.

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City to fight ruling that OK'd churches in schools

NEW YORK. U.S. District Judge Loretta Preska passed an injunction on Friday to allow all houses of worship to continue congregating in public schools — and the city plans to appeal the decision early this week, a city lawyer said.

"The city plans to take an immediate appeal," Jane Gordon, a lawyer for the New York City law department, said in a statement after yesterday's ruling. "We believe that this court's decision is inconsistent with the recent Second Circuit order and that court's prior decision on the case's merits."

Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Manhattan overturned Preska's 2007 decision in favor of religious groups, ruling that the city may prohibit religious groups from using school facilities outside of regular school hours for worship services.

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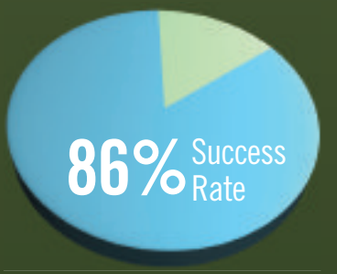

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Politics roundup

▶ Brewer

Arizona governor endorses Romney

WASHINGTON. Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, who had a finger-pointing confrontation with President Barack Obama last month, yesterday endorsed Mitt Romney's bid to become the Republican nominee to challenge Obama in the Nov. 6 U.S. election.

"He has that pro-business background and he has that political history that I think ... would serve America the best," Brewer said of Romney, who squares off with rival Rick Santorum in Republican presidential primaries tomorrow in Arizona and Michigan. **REUTERS**

Romney defends wealth, Santorum touts conservatism

TRAVERSE CITY, MICH. In a tight race to win the Michigan primary, Republican White House hopeful Mitt Romney strongly defended his wealth yesterday and challenged voters to support someone else if they did not like his success.

Romney is worth an estimated $250 million and has been accused of being out of touch with most Americans' economic struggles.

The issue could be crucial in tomorrow's vote in Michigan, the state where Romney grew up but faces a tough fight after opposing President Barack Obama's bailout of the U.S. auto industry. Romney's main rival in the state is Rick Santorum, who has presented himself as a blue-collar Republican. **REUTERS**

Romney

Santorum

"I love my party enough and I love my country enough to listen."

N.J. Gov. Chris Christie on CBS' "Face the Nation" yesterday when asked about potentially being Mitt Romney's running mate.

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▶ If Newt Gingrich can't win in Georgia, his hopes of being the GOP nominee will be all but dashed.

Newt Gingrich has Ga. on his mind

Only a month ago, Newt Gingrich was atop the Republican presidential race. Now he is in a fight for a win even in his home state of Georgia as his campaign stakes its future on the Super Tuesday primaries.

Two polls out of three in recent days show Gingrich running a close race in the state with either Mitt Romney or Rick Santorum, who is making inroads with the large number of evangelical Republicans in Georgia. But he will take hope that one of those polls gave him a healthy lead of 13 percentage points over Santorum and 19 over Romney.

A loss in Georgia, the biggest of the 10 states holding contests on Super Tuesday on March 6, would deal a severe blow to any chance Gingrich has of winning the Republican nomination.

On the move

Gingrich launches a two-day bus tour of Georgia to try to shore up support tomorrow. Santorum made waves in the state last Sunday with a visit to a megachurch where 3,000 worshippers gave him a standing ovation.

"It's incredibly important to Gingrich to win Georgia if he hopes to launch his 'Southern strategy,'" said Merle Black, professor of politics at Emory University in Atlanta.

Gingrich has put Georgia at the heart of his strategy to win southern states and come back from a dramatic fall since his big win in the South Carolina primary on Jan. 21. The former House speaker went on to lose badly to Romney in Florida and suffered from the rise of Santorum as the more conservative choice among Republicans.

Gingrich decided to forgo campaigning heavily for Tuesday's primaries in Arizona and Michigan, the next states to vote in the Republican nominating process to decide who will face President Barack Obama in November's presidential election. **REUTERS**

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Sixty-nine percent of Americans consider balancing the budget a top priority, according to January's Pew poll, citing a figure that has risen steadily from 53 percent in 2007. For the first time, the budget is now on par with terrorism and trumped only by the economy and jobs in importance to Americans.

And who do Americans trust most to handle these highest of political priorities? Republicans have long dominated Democrats in perceived trustworthiness on national security, while both parties have been in a virtual tie for the last year when it comes to the economy, jobs and balancing the budget.

Republicans, however, have begun pulling ahead of Democrats in trustworthiness on the budget, according to a new AP-GfK poll released Thursday. While President Obama and the Republican primary candidates have both promised to balance the budget, Americans seem to find those promises easier to believe when they're made by Republicans.

But Americans' trust in Republicans is misplaced. According to an analysis by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget comparing the various fiscal proposals of the Republican primary candidates, only Ron Paul has proposed policies that would reduce projected U.S. debt over 10 years, by 9 percent of GDP. Under Newt Gingrich's plan, debt would actually increase by a whopping 30 percent of GDP, while Rick Santorum would increase the debt by 20 percent of GDP. Mitt Romney's plan would increase debt by only 1 percent, but remember — the candidates have promised to drastically cut the debt, not merely to increase it by less.

What about President Obama? According to CRFB's analysis of his newly-released 2013 budget, the President's plan also reduces the debt by 9 percent of GDP — the same as Ron Paul. That's right — the President and Ron Paul are the only two candidates whose policies have any positive balancing effect on the budget at all. At best, Romney's plan merely maintains the status quo, while Gingrich and Santorum make things significantly worse.

So, to the 69 percent of Americans who care deeply about balancing the budget — don't be so trusting. Candidates love to run with scissors, but few are willing to put them to good use.

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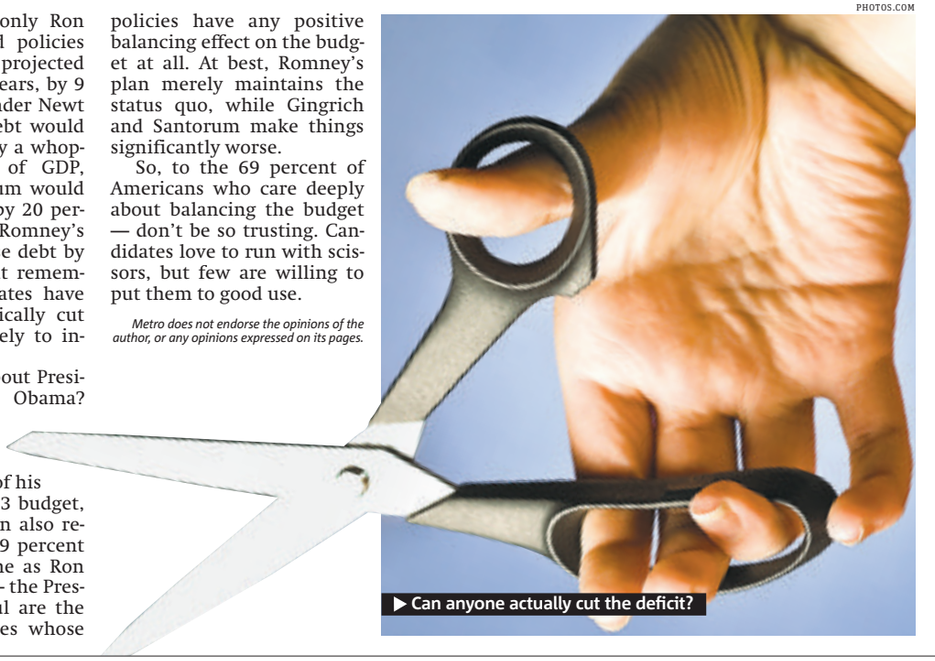

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'Hope' artist pleads guilty in AP battle

LOS ANGELES. Artist Shepard Fairey, who created the iconic "Hope" campaign poster featuring then-Sen. Barack Obama for the 2008 presidential campaign, pleaded guilty in Manhattan Federal Court on Friday to one count of criminal contempt for destroying documents, manufacturing evidence and other misconduct.

The guilty plea stems from Fairey's civil litigation against the Associated Press over copyright issues revolving around the poster. Fairey claimed that his use of an AP photograph as the basis for the poster fell under the "fair use" doctrine. **REUTERS**

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▶ This portrait came to symbolize Obama's campaign.

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▶ Media members stand outside the home of Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg yesterday.

Mandela out of the hospital

Former South African President Nelson Mandela was discharged from hospital yesterday after a keyhole abdominal examination showed there was nothing seriously wrong with the 93-year-old anti-apartheid leader, the government said.

"The doctors have decided to send him home as the diagnostic procedure he underwent did not indicate anything seriously wrong with him," President Jacob Zuma's office said in a statement.

His departure from Pretoria's "1 Military" hospital in a multi-vehicle motorcade marks the end of an anxious 24-hour wait for South Africa's 50 million people, after Mandela was admitted on Saturday morning with "long-standing abdominal pain."

The government insisted throughout there was nothing to panic about. **REUTERS**

US soldiers wounded in violence over Koran burning

Seven U.S. military trainers were wounded yesterday when a grenade was thrown at their base in northern Afghanistan, police said, as anti-Western fury deepened over the burning of the Koran at a NATO base.

Despite an apology from U.S. President Barack Obama, riots raged across the country for a sixth day yesterday against the desecration of the Muslim holy book at a NATO air base at Bagram. Some protesters hoisted the white Taliban flag.

The Afghan Interior Ministry identified one of its employees as a suspect in the fatal shooting of two U.S. officers in its headquarters a day earlier, an attack that prompted NATO to recall its staff from ministries.

One civilian was killed, 15 more were wounded and three policemen were injured in riots near the NATO base in northern Kunduz province, where the blast that wounded the Americans took place, regional police chief Samihullah Qatra told reporters.

NATO confirmed there had been an explosion outside one of its bases in northern Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Adam Sandler earns 11 Razzie nominations

While the world continues their celebration of the Oscars and the best and brightest in Hollywood, let's take a moment to look at the worst. Specifically, poor, poor **Adam Sandler**, who is saddled with the sad honor of earning 11 Razzie nominations (a record!) for his various work as an actor, writer and producer on three movies for 2011: "Jack and Jill," "Bucky Larson" and "Just Go With It." Sandler received two Worst Actor nominations, one for "Just Go With It" and another for "Jack and Jill." Oh, and he also received a Worst Actress nod for "Jack and Jill" (the bright side: at least he's breaking gender barriers).

His "Jack and Jill" co-stars, **Katie Holmes** and **Al Pacino**, each received a Worst Supporting Actress and Actor nomination for their work in the film, respectively. Way to bring down Pacino, Sandler.

It's time for Sandler to pick up a copy of the 1998 edition of "Stop with the Fart Jokes: Transform Your Career and Become an Oscar Winner in No Time" by **Tom Hanks**. Soon, he'll be starring in "Punch Drunk Love II: Still Drankin'," where he and **Emily Watson** end up adopting a middle-aged deaf, mute and blind train hobo who teaches them the true meaning of life.

▶ Adam Sandler and Katie Holmes at the premiere of the Razzie-nominated "Jack and Jill" last November in California.

Worst film noms:

- "Jack and Jill"
- "Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star" (Sandler also co-wrote)
- "New Year's Eve"
- "Transformers: Dark of the Moon"
- "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1"

Celeb. Spotting

▶ It's either baby Blue or a bunched up jacket: Your call.

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Beyonce takes Blue for brunch

Beyonce, Jay-Z and Blue Ivy Carter stepped out for brunch on Saturday at Sant Ambroeus in New York City's West Village.

Talking points

Butler's secret rehab stint

Gerard Butler spent the last three weeks in rehab to address an alleged prescription painkiller problem, according to Radar Online. "Gerard has completed a successful course of treatment and has returned home in good health," his rep said in a statement. "We will not be making any further comment at this time." Butler reportedly developed a painkiller dependency in 2006 after filming "300." As for other substances, the actor recently told the Red Bulletin that he's toned things down considerably. "I am a single, successful Scottish actor in a city full of beautiful women, and I will admit to having the time of my life," he said. "I'm very well behaved these days as a lot of the naughty stuff was when I was drinking."

Summer wedding for Timberlake and Biel?

While **Justin Timberlake** and **Jessica Biel** haven't officially announced their engagement yet, the happy couple is reportedly already hard at work planning their wedding, according to Us Weekly. "The big day's this summer at a private estate," a source insists. As for what Biel will wear to walk down the aisle? "Monique Lhullier is her No. 1 choice for the dress," the source says.

Seal on spilling divorce details

Seal is standing by his decision to speak publicly about his impending divorce from **Heidi Klum**. "When you publicize your marriage as much as our marriage was publicized, when you renew wedding vows, when you do all those things ... you're giving people a picture of an ideal relationship that people aspire to," he says during an Australian radio interview. "When it goes south, you can't all of a sudden take the philosophy of a monk and decide to go for a vow of silence. It doesn't really work like that. I respect my wife's decision not to talk about that, but I felt that people at least deserved some kind of explanation."

The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Albert Brooks is escalating tensions with his neighbor, Jessica Simpson is feeling entertained, Sarah Silverman is feeling a little out of it, and Dana Gould is trying to help.

@AlbertBrooks: Just bought a used gas centrifuge on Ebay. If neighbor does not quiet dog I will build nuclear weapon. #fairwarning

@JessicaSimpson: Vampire Diaries has been a minor obsession of mine this month!! I've watched every episode!! Ok, so maybe it isn't a minor obsession.. Ha

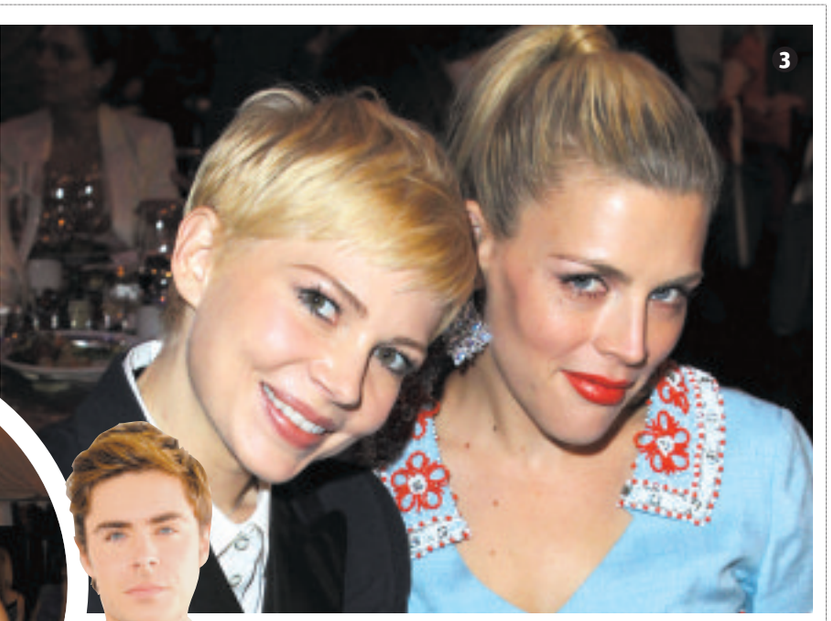
@SarahKSilverman: I just said "granola" too many times & now I have no idea what it means or how I ever knew it

@DanaJGould: I'm working with a human rights group that takes winos off of skid row and releases them back into the wine country.

Backstage at the 2012 Film Independent Spirit Awards

1. Zac Efron looked fine in head-to-toe Lanvin at the 2012 Film Independent Spirit Awards on Saturday in Santa Monica.

2. Presenters **Ethan Hawke** and **Rashida Jones** posed backstage at the awards ceremony.



3. Michelle Williams, who won for Best Female Lead in "My Week With Marilyn," brought her best buddy, **Busy Philipps,** to the event.

4. William H. Macy and **Anne Heche.**

5. Joseph Gordon-Levitt, whose film "50/50" was nominated for Best Feature, and **Rosario Dawson** glammed it up backstage.

6. Seth Rogen took a break from hosting duties to chat with **Laura Dern.**

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A predictable show and obvious winners

"When I heard my name called I could almost hear half of America saying 'Oh no, her? Again? Why?' Well, whatever."
MERYL STREEP ON WINNING THE BEST ACTRESS AWARD

The 84th annual Academy Awards opened with a very familiar formula but it felt more tried than true. With Billy Crystal hosting the awards for the ninth time, he barely strayed from tradition with a tone-deaf sing-along parody of the nine nominated films — a gag he and other hosts have done year after year.

But the evening was not without laughs — Crystal's stale jokes notwithstanding. The principle cast of "Bridesmaids" managed to sneak in jokes about how "size matters," Emma Stone gamely flirted with Jonah Hill from the stage and the Christopher Guest crew did a sketch about an imagined focus group for "The Wizard of Oz."

Also entirely predictable were the wins for the biggest awards. Octavia Spencer and Christopher Plummer accepted their awards for best supporting actress and actor — both of whom were the predicted front-runners in their categories. And while Martin Scorsese's 3-D film "Hugo" swept most of the technical awards, Michel Hazanavicius' much-hyped, but little seen indie film "The Artist" took top honors for Best Original Score, Best Director, Best Actor and Best Picture.

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Winners

- **Best Supporting Actress:** Octavia Spencer, "The Help"
- **Best Actor in a Supporting Role:** Christopher Plummer, "Beginners"
- **Adapted Screenplay:** Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash, "The Descendants"
- **Original Screenplay:** Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris"
- **Best Director:** Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"
- **Best Actor:** Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
- **Best Actress:** Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"
- **Best Picture:** "The Artist"

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▶ Even if everyone else knew she was going to win the Best Actress award for "The Iron Lady," Meryl Streep was shell-shocked and humble, as always.

Baron Cohen's red carpet prank

Everyone knew Sacha Baron Cohen wouldn't be walking the red carpet in your standard penguin suit. After the ban had been lifted on him appearing at this year's Academy Awards arrival gauntlet in character, a publicity stunt for his upcoming movie "The Dictator" seemed well in order.

Baron Cohen cued up to have a quick chit-chat with Ryan Seacrest. Bearing an urn with the face of Kim Jong-il, he said he brought the deceased leader's ashes to the Oscars red carpet because "it was his dream to come to the Oscars and be sprinkled on the red carpet and on Halle Berry's chest, again." He then leaned in and spilled the contents onto Ryan Seacrest's suit. Poor Ryan stared sadly at his suit, not believing what had just happened. For the following four interviews all he could talk about was the "Bisquick" that Sacha Baron Cohen had just spilled on him. Tina Fey, Emma Stone, Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith just had to sympathize. METRO/HP

Red carpet: White hot ...

1. We all knew **Rooney Mara** was saving her white moment for the Oscars. And she didn't disappoint in stunning Givenchy Haute Couture.
2. Early attendee **Milla Jovovich** kicked off the night with some old Hollywood glamour in an embellished white Elie Saab Haute Couture gown.
3. Octavia Spencer stayed true to Tadashi Shoji and shows us that women with curves don't have to hide in black.
4. Gwyneth Paltrow's sleek Tom Ford gown came with matching cape. Chic — and practical. Love it.

... and bright spots

5. Viola Davis embraced her natural hair and, um, girls in this green Vera Wang gown.
6. Did somebody get **Angie** tipsy before the show? Jolie in Atelier Versace showed some leg and was all smiles on the red carpet.
7. Michelle Williams kept it girly in a coral Louis Vuitton gown complete with ruffles, bow and peplum.
8. Who needs a body-hugging mermaid gown when you can look like an ethereal princess — and throw back all the Wolfgang Puck treats you want? **Jessica Chastain** in Alexander McQueen.

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'Act of Valor' triumphs at box office

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▶ "Act of Valor" stars real-life, active-duty U.S. Navy SEALs alongside professional actors in a fictional story about a mission to rescue a kidnapped CIA agent. Some scenes used live fire rather than visual effects.

Military drama "Act of Valor" claimed the No. 1 spot on movie box office charts, beating expectations with an estimated $24.7 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales during another busy weekend at theaters.

Tyler Perry's new drama, "Good Deeds," finished in second place with $16 million, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

In third place, family film "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson took in $13.5 million during its third weekend in domestic theaters. The movie's total sales worldwide have topped $235 million.

Rounding out the top five, Denzel Washington thriller "Safe House" grabbed $11.4 million and love story "The Vow" grossed $10 million.

But two other new films couldn't crack the top five. "Wanderlust" rung up $6.6 million, earning eighth place. The comedy stars Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd as a stressed Manhattan couple who start a new life in a commune. Universal and Relativity produced the film for about $30 million.

"Gone," a new thriller starring Amanda Seyfried, pulled in $5 million domestically and finished in ninth place. The movie tells the story of a woman trying to find a serial killer who has abducted her sister. REUTERS

TV watch list

▶ Cee Lo Green and his cat Purrfect bond on the set of "The Voice."

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'The Voice'

REALITY. Blind auditions continue. Cee Lo and his cat Purrfect continue to plot global vocal domination.
8 p.m., NBC

'House'

DRAMA. "Friday Night Lights" star Michael B. Jordan guest stars as a blind man forced to postpone his engagement plans when he's struck down by the House special: a "mystery" illness.
8 p.m., Fox

'Bethenny Ever After'

REALITY. Bethenny finds that she has trouble trusting anyone but her closest friends. Perhaps that's because she has put her entire life on display on national television?
9 p.m., Bravo

'Smash'

DRAMA. Karen realizes a pretty voice isn't enough to get ahead on Broadway, which Derek — who hosts a party for a hot young star (guest Nick Jonas) — has already figured out.
10 p.m., NBC AMBER RAY

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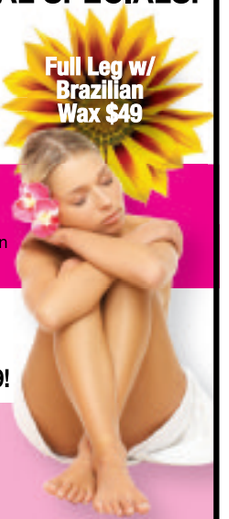

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Career choices

If she did run away from her life as an actress, what would the "Wanderlust" star do instead?

"Well, there was the period where I wanted to be a therapist if the acting thing didn't work," she says. "I don't know why, I just liked talking to people. I was always the girl that people would come to and talk about their problems. Still am." Truth be told, Aniston says she never gave too much thought to other career options since acting was always what she was after. "I had a good feeling about it," she says. "I wasn't so, 'God I hope this happens.' I was waitressing and waitressing and waitressing, and doing this, that and the other thing. I was auditioning — I couldn't get hired to save my life, but I would do off-Broadway theater, and that was great. I was thrilled, being like, 'It's off-off-Broadway, but there's still the 'Broadway' in there!'"

Jennifer Aniston loosens up

Her new role in 'Wanderlust' inspired the actress to let her guard down 'You kind of miss out on a lot of stuff if you're so protected and isolated' Her escape route from acting

Jennifer Aniston's character in "Wanderlust" runs away from the modern life she and her husband (played by Paul Rudd) share to live in a Utopian, free-love commune in rural Georgia. The actress admits the impulse to disappear isn't all that unfamiliar. "Every day, yes," she says of feeling that way. "I mean, for me, going to Clarksville [Georgia] and shooting this movie was a version of that, honestly, because there were no paparazzi and there [were] no secret little tricky cell phone pictures being taken. It was just this great community and these amazing people."

Maybe getting into the hippie spirit of the film's premise helped, but Aniston says she ended up learning a lot about herself just by the change of environment. "For me, I really realized how walled I was, and

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▶ Aniston stars in the new comedy "Wanderlust."

"There's this sigh of relief after Week 1 just knowing, 'Oh this is like John Travolta in "The Boy in the Bubble."' It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"
JENNIFER ANISTON

not consciously so, but just this armor that I kind of have, protective armor from — not my friends or people in my family — but just being outside in the world, always on guard or whatever," she says. "There's this sigh of relief after Week 1 just knowing, 'Oh this is like John Travolta in "The Boy in the Bubble."' It was like, riding on a horse, out of the bubble!"

The image she's conjured reduces her to a fit of laughter, but there was a serious sense of self-improvement for Aniston to take away from the "Wanderlust" production. "It was special, it was really special ... to kind of get back in touch with that part of myself and that anonymity," she says. "I really made a conscious effort to know, 'Don't wall up like that.' I think you kind of miss out on a lot of stuff if you're so protected and isolated, in a way."

That being said, Aniston is pretty realistic about whether she could actually handle living in a place like Elysium. "I don't think I would," she says. "I think going for a little bit would be sort of ... interesting."

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Here's advice taken from my new book, "Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days."

Define your dream job

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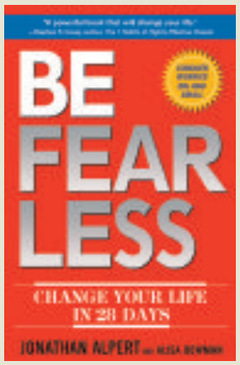

Do an internship or shadow someone at a company you admire

For example, if you always wanted to be a journalist, reach out to your favorite commuter newspaper and make yourself available.

Surround yourself with people who you think can help you

What mentors can you tap for advice? How can you network and meet people who can help?

Ask other people how they got to be where they are

Although your paths won't be entirely the same, you'll gain valuable advice knowing how others have done it.

Interview someone who has this dream job

Ask questions that will yield valuable information. Find out what the person did to land it. What do they love about their job? What's most challenging? What would they like to change about it?

*– **Jonathan Alpert** is a licensed psychotherapist. His new book, **"Be Fearless: Change Your Life in 28 Days,"** is out April 24. It will be sold at all major booksellers and Amazon. Check in with him online at **www.jonathanalpert.com**, on Facebook **(www.facebook.com/jonathanalpert)** and Twitter **@jonathanalpert.***

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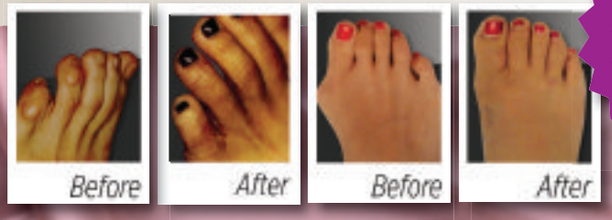

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So you wanna be a chef?

◗ We asked some big names for their best advice ◗ Rule No. 1: Make sure you really want it ◗ Rule No. 2: Prepare to peel a whole lot of potatoes

At the annual benefit for the Careers through Culinary Arts Program — a nonprofit that works with underprivileged high school students to get them ready for college and careers in the restaurant world — a number of distinguished chefs in attendance gave us their best words of wisdom for the next generation of kitchen superstars. Read on for their cooking counsel.

"Just make sure you want to do it, because it's definitely a difficult profession. Ten years ago there wasn't 'Top Chef' and all that — it's out there a lot more, it's more of this glamorous thing. Your first five years, you're gonna be a grunt peeling potatoes and onions — and it's not as glamorous as you see. It's something that you really have to love if you're gonna get into the field."

— Joseph Fortunato, Extra Virgin

"Find yourself a job while you're going to school, and work in the environment. Or, before you go to school, get a job in the food industry — even if you have to be a runner — and see what it's all about. It's expensive to go to school, and it's a commitment."

— Sarabeth Levine, Sarabeth's

"Continue to learn and continue to look at those who are next to you and around you for any new and different ways to do things. There is always more than one way to crack an egg. Never think that what you know is the end-all, be-all of anything."

— Clifford Crooks, BLT Steak

"Pick a good restaurant, pick a mentor, work really hard. Start at the bottom. That's just my opinion — and it worked for me and most of the people I know."

— Matt Hoyle, Nobu Fifty Seven

Can you cook as a second career?

"A lot of great people have done it. Alice Waters didn't really start in the business until her 30s. It is often a young man's business or a young woman's business because there is a lot of energy involved — but I think if you have the creativity, that's fine."

— Jason Weiner, Almond

"Learn your fundamentals. That's why an organization like C-CAP is so important — because these kids are given the fundamentals. From there, you could expand. Your expertise gives you the ability to really blossom."

— Michael McCarty, Michael's

"Three words: quality, quality, quality. After that, you have to have a lot of strength and love for your friends in the kitchen. You can have the best recipe, but if you don't have this recipe, you cannot succeed."

— Maria Loi, Loi

"Work hard and be really passionate. I think you should always aspire high and try to do your best. And if you're passionate and you work with a chef or sous chef that really cares about you, it can never be wrong. Today we have such a diverse restaurant scene — it's absolutely an amazing time to be a young, up-and-coming cook. This is the one field that you're always gonna be employed [in]."

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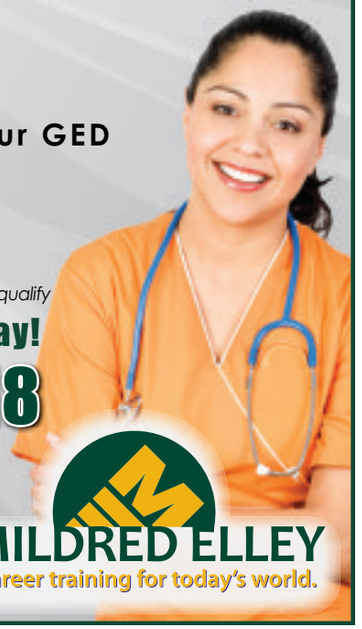

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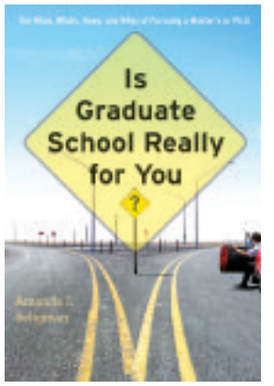

Grad School: Is it the right choice for you?

It's a question that some students forget to ask History professor Amanda Seligman on her new book

Amanda Seligman originally intended her book to be for the families of graduate students. Her idea was to provide a basic intro to academia, so family members could avoid embarrassing questions and hurtful assumptions. But she soon found another demographic in search of a primer to the ivory tower: grad students themselves.

The result — "Is Graduate School Really for You?: The Whos, Whats, Hows, and Whys of Pursuing a Master's or Ph.D." — was released earlier this year by Johns Hopkins Press.

"There are a lot of advice books out there about how to be a graduate student, but they all assume that everyone wants to be a research professor, do nothing but research and not really interact with people," says Seligman, an associate professor of history at the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. "But through my students, I've come to understand that it's not appropriate for grad school to be the sole focus of anyone's life."

Laid out in a question-and-answer format, the book takes readers on a practice journey through many of the slaloms and hurdles of the academy: the initial decision, paying for the degree, navigating the coursework and writing the thesis.

"It's not a how-to book. This book is saying, 'This is what graduate school in the United States is like.' You are the only person who knows what you are like inside, so you need to find out if that's a match," says Seligman. "It's not that there's a right reason or wrong reason to go to graduate school, but you should know what your reasons are."

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Keeping meetings on track

There's a reason everyone says meetings are a waste of time — they usually are How to run yours like a pro and actually get things done

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▶ To get everyone to cooperate, walk around the room and have the class — er, employees — be involved with setting the rules.

Running a meeting is a lot like running a kindergarten classroom. If given the chance, people will play with their toys, talk out of turn, bully each other and whine about everything from the e-mail system to the break room coffee.

Fortunately, just like cranky children, your co-workers can be easily controlled and placated. We checked in with Dana Brownlee, founder of national corporate training company Professionalism Matters, for how to lead a successful, succinct and drama-free meeting.

Here are her troubleshooting tips.

The problem: One employee dominates the talk time.
The fix: "Instead of just throwing the issue out there, ask people to take two or three minutes and jot down their top two suggestions. That way, even if somebody dominates, when you collect those notes, you get feedback from everybody in the room," Brownlee advises.

The problem: You have a persistently negative employee.
The fix: Agree that there may, indeed, be an issue. This will stop a problem child right in his or her tracks. "Validate their concern, write it on the flip-chart and ask them to come up with suggestions for fixing the problem," she says.

The problem: One co-worker always veers off-topic.
The fix: "As a facilitator, step in and ask if this is something that needs to be addressed today," says Brownlee. "It sounds obvious, but there's a huge difference between intervening with a statement or intervening with a question. When someone asks you as opposed to telling you, it comes across very differently."

The problem: Everyone brought their iPhones.
The fix: First, structure the meeting thoughtfully — if some departments have to wait 45 minutes to be addressed, they'll be tempted to space out and check their mail. After that, play teacher. "Walk around a lot and constantly call on people by name," Brownlee suggests. "If people know they'll be called on, it makes them perk up."

Set your rules

Chances are, everyone can agree that staying positive and turning off phones is productive. If you meet frequently with a group, set some ground rules and ask for everyone's input. "The key is to let the group come up with them," Brownlee says. "Then it's so much easier for you to enforce it."

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Re: 'When a penny saved is ... wasted'

The Great Depression did not get as severe as it did because of "enormous amounts of government spending." It got that way because of protectionist tariff increases, and because the federal government raised taxes and slashed spending in a vain attempt to preserve the monetary gold standard. FDR's New Deal proposals were successful in getting the recovery well under way by 1937. Had it not been for government intervention and spending, many might have wound up homeless, poor and starving.
JON MELICK, VIA E-MAIL

Contrary to Kelly Donnoe's view, progress was made in the 1930s and starvation was reduced; the error in 1937 was agreeing to Republican austerity at the wrong time. WWII spending was cut because the war ended; government programs did contribute. Housing, GI Bill, infrastructure and contribution to technology resulted in much growth even with higher taxes than today.
HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL

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BETTY HILL, VIA E-MAIL

Re: 'New war?' Debate rages on

Sad fact is that the U.N. and Israel's "neighbors" are standing idly by watching Iran issues lie after lie about producing nuclear energy "for peaceful purposes." I suppose nuclear energy could be used to remove the cancer that is Israel (according to Iran's ranting about Israel). Then there is the matter of Syria and again the U.N. and surrounding nations have become strangely silent as innocent citizens are being slaughtered by Assad and his gang. President Obama's leadership leaves a lot to be desired. A Nixon or a Reagan would have gone to that region to at least try to talk sense into these evildoers.
HERBERT W. STARK, MASSAPEQUA

Stop-and-frisk an indiscriminate tool

The use of "stop and frisk" and spying involve very high percentages of black, Latino and Muslim residents who are totally innocent. These indiscriminate tactics are pejorative to these communities, and better strategies need to be implemented. It is unconscionable for us to remain silent as our neighbors are subjected to such police state-like harassment. If left unchecked, these methods might spread into other areas and spur an ugly, negative response.
GLENN HAYES, KEW GARDENS

Ratings: Like Yelp, but for teachers

Parents need to know who are the good, the bad and the ugly in public education. Teachers need to be held accountable. Thanks to the media for forcing this issue and having teachers' performance ratings published.
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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you feel that it's necessary for someone to be more assertive in making a group decision, step forward. No need to be tentative — make the call.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although most of your personal endeavors will easily be accomplished, you may have to put in some extra hours on your work-related efforts in order to get what you want.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If there is someone you recently met and you find to be quite appealing, don't keep Cupid waiting in the wings. Instead, you should be the one who makes the first move.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You've been lucky so far in that you've been getting away with neglecting a responsibility entrusted to you. Before the powers that be find out about it, you need to halt your procrastination and get crackin'.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** That restless spirit of yours won't easily be appeased unless you use your time productively. Why not make efforts to acquire some new knowledge?

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** It isn't likely to be easy for you to dismiss a certain commercial matter from your thoughts. In order to remove it from your mind, take care of it as soon as you can.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You'll have no trouble attracting others to your banner once they see how fervently you believe in your cause. Get on your soapbox and proselytize.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Should you discover that an associate is doing a better job than you can do in a joint endeavor, don't hesitate to relegate yourself to the sidelines and let him or her take the lead.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you believe there is something that could be of mutual benefit to you and a partner, don't allow too much time to go by without checking it out. It could be exactly what you both need.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's imperative that you make all of your own major decisions instead of delegating any of them to others. A surrogate's thinking might be inferior to yours.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19**. Sometimes it's difficult to learn anything new from someone whose ideas parallel yours, but today could be an exception. It's OK to stick with people who think as you do.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instead of waiting for others to get things rolling, take the initiative and do so yourself. Once you do, the entire group will be glad you did, and will happily jump on board.
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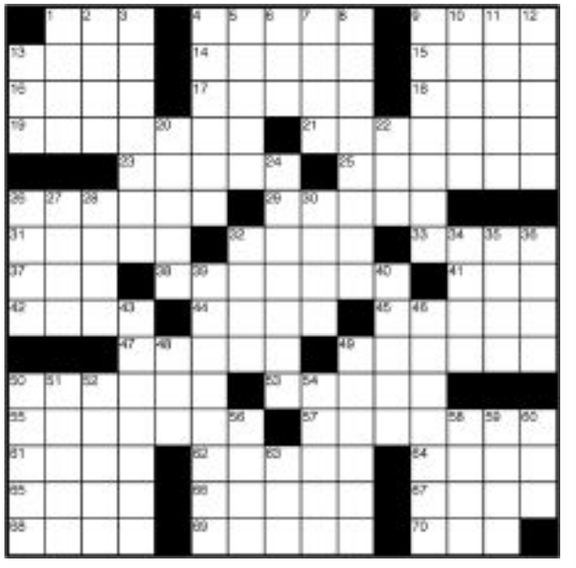

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Lin: Knicks can win title

Point guard with big plans for second half of season Looks forward to practices Return on Wednesday

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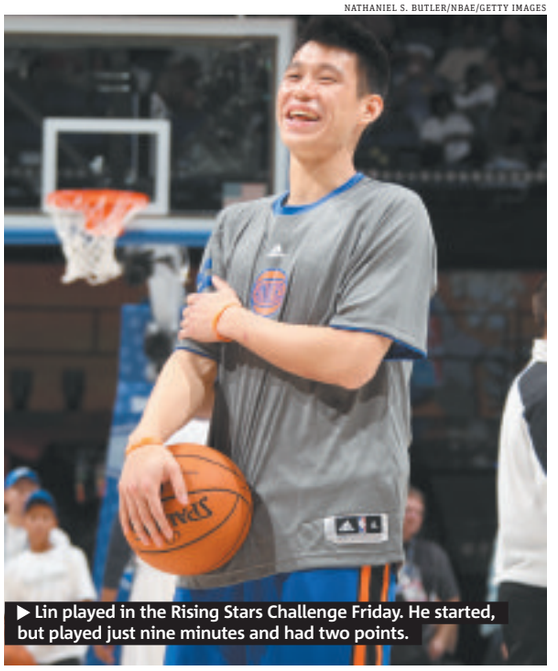

▶ Lin played in the Rising Stars Challenge Friday. He started, but played just nine minutes and had two points.

With the All-Star Game over, it's time to look forward to the unofficial second half of the season. Apparently, Knicks point guard Jeremy Lin moved on before most.

The Lin sensation hit Orlando during the weekend where he told reporters he only has one goal in mind for the Knicks.

"Everyone's goal is to win a championship," Lin said. "It's a very tough thing to do. I think we have the talent. I know we have the talent to do it."

The team enters the second half coming off an underwhelming performance against the NBA-best Heat. Lin, 1-of-11 and eight turnovers, was a big reason why.

The Knicks are looking forward to having a few days off to practice as a squad before they resume their schedule Wednesday against Cleveland.

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In the news

Mario gone?
Super Bowl hero Mario Manningham says he is "75 percent sure" he won't be back on the Giants next season.

Manningham spoke to the Youngstown News this weekend while back in his hometown. Giants GM Jerry Reese said over the weekend at the NFL Combine he expects Manningham will test free agency.

GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Swisher's outgoing personality has made him a favorite.

Yankees, Swisher not talking deal

Arguably the biggest fan favorite on the Yankees fully intends to be a free agent at the end of the 2012 season.

Right fielder Nick Swisher is in the final year of a three-year contract and has not even spoken about an extension with the club.

And he won't until the season is over thanks to general manager Brian Cashman's policy of not negotiating contracts during the season.

"The Yankees aren't traditionally an organization that does multiyears in the middle of a contract," Swisher told reporters before Saturday's first full-squad workout. "They are a team that, you're going to have to test the free-agent market. You're going to have to because that's how the Yankees work."

Swisher said he would like to stay with the Yankees if possible, but knows that it is "out of my hands."

Swisher batted .260 last season, but had a .374 on-base percentage — the highest in his time with the Yankees. He hit 23 home runs and drove in 85.

The Yankees picked up Swisher's $10.25 million option for this season, but it's unlikely a deal would be that high in the future for a player that will be 32 next season.

Then there is the matter of his postseason failings. Swisher has been remarkably consistent in the regular season. He's been consistently bad in the playoffs.

He was 4-of-19 with one home run in the team's losing effort against Detroit last year. He's batting .160 in exactly 100 postseason at-bats for New York.

Swisher said he rededicated himself to getting in better shape during the off-season. He worked out at Pro Athletes Sports Performance in California and is down to about 200 pounds. METRO

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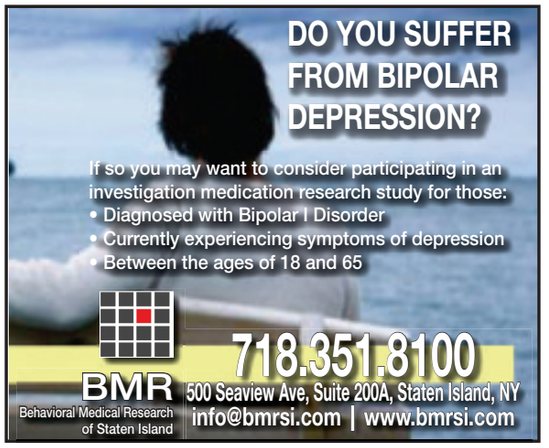
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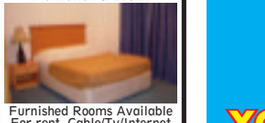
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